(b) *

*Name	Service on 1st Kumbham 1109.		
Mr. P. S. Krishnaswami Ayyar	3	3	27
,, P. V. Mathew	3	1	28
,, P. K. Kumaran	2	7	29
,, K. Ranga Mallya	2	2	13
,, P. Gopala Kaimal	2	0	25
,, C. N. Subramania Ayyar	0	5	8
,, C. A. Vareed	0	2	0

(c) The names given above are in order of seniority.

Vacancies among District Registrars.

366. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there are permanent vacancies among District Registrars;

(b) if so, how many and when did they arise;

(c) why are the vacancies not filled up?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) Two. One on 12th Chingam 1109 and the other on 1st Thulam 1109.

(c) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

Time observed by the Public offices in Ernakulam.

367. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what is the time observed by the public offices at Ernakulam;

(b) is there any standard time at Ernakulam according to which the clocks in the public offices may be corrected?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Treasury time.

(b) Yes. The Treasury clock follows the standard time.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—When did the Treasury begin to follow the standard time?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think they are following the standard time all along. There might have been errors. But ordinarily they follow the standard time.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Is the Government aware that at times the Treasury time is fast by 15 to 20 minutes of the standard time?

Rama Varhma Tampuran.—I explained there might have been errors. They are expected to follow the standard time.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Is there any officer appointed to see that the time is kept correct?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not know whether any officer is appointed to see that the time is corrected. The Huzur is getting its clocks adjusted by phoning to the Post Office and my information is that the Treasury people also adjust their clock according to the Huzur time.

Spread of Leprosy in Kunnamkulam.

368. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—With reference to the answer to question No. 12, dated 22nd January 1934, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what steps have been taken by the Director of Public Health to bring under control spread of leprosy in Kunnamkulam as seen from the very large number of leper patients attending leper clinic there; and if none has been taken,

(b) whether this matter has received the attention of the above officer; and if so,

(c) what does he propose to do in the matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) A leper clinic has been opened at Kunnamkulam by the Medical Department and instructions are given to the patients resorting to the clinic. Dangerous cases are directed to the Leper hospital at Adur.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of answer to (a).

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether the leper clinic was started as a result of the initiative taken by the Medical Department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What steps the Director of Public Health has taken in this matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A leper clinic is working there. Nothing further has been done at present.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is it not possible to do something more? Has this matter been brought to the attention of the Director of Public Health?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Director of Public Health knows that a clinic is working there.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is it not possible for him to suggest some remedial measures?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He has not reported anything till now. Government will ask him to report if he has anything further to say.

An article in the Snehitan.

369. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government have read the Article written by Mr. M. K. Koran, Secretary, Mala Pulaya Samajam, and

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